

Exhibit A



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 N 4th Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

**State of South Dakota
 Gas Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 2**

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STANDARD CUSTOMER BILL

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RATE SCHEDULES AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AND CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. OFFICE LOCATED IN:

CHECK HERE FOR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE (SHOW CHANGES BELOW)

DIRECT PAYMENTS TO
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

AMOUNT PAID IF DIFFERENT THAN BELOW
 \$ _____
 PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT
 \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT. IF PAYING IN PERSON, BRING THE ENTIRE BILL.

ACCOUNT NAME SERVICE ADDRESS		BILLING DATE CURRENT BILL DUE DATE						
TYPE OF SERVICE	READING DATE	NO. DAYS	METER READING PRESENT	METER READING PREVIOUS	DIFFERENCE KW-HOUR	BILLING FACTOR FOR MULTIPLIER	USAGE KW-HOUR	AMOUNT
UTILITY TYPE	ADJUSTMENTS GAS - PGA ELECTRIC - FGA		AVERAGE DAILY USE	AVERAGE DAILY COST	THE TEMPERATURE THIS BILLING PERIOD AVERAGED DEGREES			AMOUNT DUE \$
					THAN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR AND DEGREES THAN THE LAST BILLING PERIOD.			
REVOLVING CHARGE PLAN (RCP)								
PAST DUE	PREVIOUS BALANCE	PYMT/CR	FINANCE CHG	PURCHASES	NEW BALANCE	INSTALLMENT DUE		

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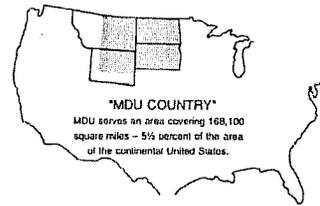
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BALANCED BILLING . . . Balanced Billing is MDU's voluntary plan to help you budget your utility bills. Because of severe weather in our northern climate, utility bills may fluctuate widely between winter and other seasons. With Balanced Billing you can reduce the impact of higher winter bills by averaging them with those during lower fuel usage months. It gives you more level bills throughout the year. It puts you in control. Remember, there's no charge for this service. You can sign up for Balanced Billing by a telephone call to 1-800-MDU-FAST (1-800-638-3278).

THERM BILLING . . . Mcf Conversion to Therms: Your gas bill is computed using a standard measure of heat energy called a "therm". The thousands of cubic feet (Mcf) used (as measured by your gas meter) are converted to decatherms by multiplying the Mcf's by a factor which is based on heat content and atmospheric pressure of the gas delivered to your premise. Such heat content can vary each month. This conversion ensures that all customers are charged accurately for the heat value of the gas they use.

CODES FCA/PGA Fuel Cost Adjustment and Purchased Gas Adjustment: The adjustments shown on your bill are shown per kilowatt hour or per decatherm. These adjustments reflect changes in the cost of fuels and natural gas purchased by MDU. MDU receives no profit from these charges.

DEFINITIONS . . .
 Dk - Decatherm: A measure of heat energy. One decatherm contains ten therms or one million British thermal units (Btu's).
 Btu - British thermal units: Quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.
 Mcf - Thousand Cubic Feet: The basic measure of the amount of natural gas used.
 TF - Thermal Factor: Multiplier used to convert Mcf to decatherms (dk's) by heating value and delivery pressure.
 Kwh - Kilowatt-Hour: The basic unit for measuring the use of electricity. It is the amount of electricity used by ten 100-watt light bulbs left on for one hour.

REVOLVING CHARGE PLAN . . . RCP - Your FINANCE CHARGE is computed at a DAILY RATE OF .0004932, which is a corresponding ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 18%. To avoid additional finance charges, pay by the due date shown on the other side of this bill. In case of errors or questions about your bill, write us at P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5600.

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| AE - All Electric | IP - Irrigation Power | PR - Propane Service |
| AI - Alternate Energy Based Interruptible Gas | IR - Irrigation Time-Of-Day | PT - Power Purchase Time Differentiated |
| AMT - Amount | IT - Industrial Time-Of-Day | PYMT - Payment |
| APR - Annual Percentage Rate | KV - Kvar Penalty | RCP - Revolving Charge Plan |
| AU - All Electric Underground | KW - Kilowatt/Demand | RE - Residential Electric |
| CG - Commercial Gas | LE - Large General Electric Standby and Supplementary | RF - Residual Fuel-Oil Based |
| CHG - Charge | LG - Large General Electric | RG - Residential Gas |
| CJ - Consecutive | LI - Large Interruptible General Gas | RS - Residential Dual Fuel Space Heating |
| CR or (-) - Credit | LP - Long-Term Power | RT - Residential TimeDay |
| DE - Demand | LG - Large Power Standby | SD - Special General Controlled Electric |
| E - Estimated Meter Read | LT - Large General Ele Time-Of-Day | SE - Small General Electric Standby and Supplementary |
| EH - Electric Heating | MC - Meter Constant | SG - Small General Electric |
| FE - Firm Energy | ME - Miscellaneous Electric | SI - Small Interruptible General Gas |
| FG - Feed Grinding | ML - Municipal Lighting | SL - Street Lighting |
| FS - Firm Gas Service | MP - Municipal Pumping | SM - Small Municipal Electric |
| FT - Firm Gas Transportation | NB - Net Billing Option | SR - Special Residential Controlled Electric |
| GE - General Thermal Energy Storage | NF - Non-Firm Non-Time Differentiated | SS - Standby Gas |
| GG - General Gas Service | NF - Non-Firm Time Differentiated | ST - Small General Ele Time-Of-Day |
| OS - General Dual Fuel Space Heating | OG - Optional Seasonal General Gas | SU - Supercompressibility |
| GT - General Electric Time-Of-Day | OS - Optional Seasonal Residential Gas | TG - General Transportation of Gas |
| GV - Government | P - Pro-Rated Amount | TI - Industrial Transportation of Gas |
| IS - Interruptible General Gas | PF - Atmospheric Pressure Factor | TR - Residential Thermal Energy Storage |
| IL - Interruptible Large Power | PG - Parallel Generation | UE - Underground Electric |
| IN - Industrial Gas | PL - Private Lighting | UW - Uncontrolled Water |

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